BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WASHINGTON, DC

In the Matter of)	
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Computer Reservations Systems (CRS)	,	97-3014
Regulations; Statements of General Policy;) OST-	98-4775
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	OST-	99-5888

MOTION OF DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

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Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby moves the Department to extend the due date for answers to the Petition For Fact Hearing filed by Sabre Inc. ("Sabre"), which are otherwise due on January 3, 2003, to January 13, 2003.

In support of this Motion, Delta states the following:

- 1. On November 15, 2002, the Department published in the Federal Register the above-referenced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM"). In response to petitions filed by several interested parties, the Department extended the dates for comments and reply comments to March 16, 2003 and May 15, 2003, respectively.
- 2. On December 23, 2002, Sabre filed a 33-page Petition requesting that the Department hold an oral evidentiary hearing on the NPRM. The Petition was filed late afternoon on December 23rd, just before the beginning of the Christmas/New Years

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holidays, and was served by mail. The undersigned received Delta's service copy on December 30.

3. Additional time for answers is needed, and the modest ten (10) days requested by Delta is reasonable under the circumstances. Under the Department's Rules of Practice, answers to the Petition would otherwise be due on January 3, 2003. As noted, Delta received its service copy on December 30 leaving it essentially only 2 business days to review the 33-page Petition and prepare a response. The Petition seeks extraordinary relief and raises a number of controversial legal issues. In light of the ensuing holidays and the absence of many key personnel, the Department should grant additional time for Delta and other interested parties to file responses to Sabre's Petition.

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